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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : DCI Morning Meeting

1. Mr. Gross raised the question of the deletion of the NRO program from the Agency budget since this was presently holding up the submission of the Agency budget to Congress. Mr. McCone said flatly that he did not want the NRO funds removed from the Agency budget as long as the present Congressional Committee structure existed. This was the agreement he had with Gilpatrick. I pointed out that this would necessitate a change in our comments on the draft NRO Agreement, and Kirkpatrick agreed. He said he was not interested in an exchange of notes relative to the Agreement and wished all parties to sit down and resolve the paper today or highlight any differences which he would solve with Mr. Gilpatrick tonight. (A meeting has been arranged for 3 today with Horowitz, McMillan, etc.)

2. I briefed the group on the status of the OXCART program. I also briefed them on the new generator problem for the U-2's. Mr. McCone made it very clear that it was our responsibility to get these generator problems solved, and it was not enough to say that we were discussing this with Kelly. DD/R must take necessary action to insure cure for the present difficulties.

3. The DCI reported on Special Group actions the previous day as follows:

a) No low levels over Cuba until Donovan mission complete. DCI will take responsibility.

b) Bundy requested information for the President as to why the 9 February low level mission over Mariel involved 17 minutes rather than 8 minutes over Cuban territory. (Rebels have actions)

c) No decision reached [redacted] (Not clear why this solves anything.) Action will be taken

NRO review(s) completed. 25X1

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up again Thursday if we have reply [redacted]
in two weeks when Bundy returns.

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d) DCI reported on balloon project, [redacted]
(I gave a brief rundown of status.)

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4. I reported on the Saturday meeting with Killian Board members. Mr. McCone asked about the use of longer focal length cameras. This subject apparently came up at the full Killian Board meeting while he was present. Since there are so many alternatives involved, I said I would look at the notes on the meeting and forward any comments.

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